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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed November 14, 2003 and the Notice of Appeal dated May 14, 2004, said period of response being extended from August 14, 2004 to November 14, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$980.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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